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Death Sentence for Guilty of Child Prostitution

3553. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Law Commission has suggested to Government for making a provision for death-sentence to those found guilty of child prostitution;

(b) whether the Commission has also suggested for carrying out changes in the relevant sections of Indian Penal Code dealing with the punishment for rape and child prostitution; and

(c) if so, whether Government will take action on the suggestions made by Law Commission, while National Commission for Women has opposed it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Law Commission of India in its 172nd Report on "Review of Rape Laws" has recommended for changes in provisions relating to rape in the Indian Penal Code, 1860 to provide for stringent punishment for the offence of rape and child abuse.

(c) The recommendations of the Law Commission of India would be examined in consultation with the State Governments, as Criminal Law is on the Concurrent List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The National Commission for Women has, however, not opposed these recommendations.

Setting up wind power projects in Tamil Nadu

3554. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring in private sector units to establish wind power projects in Tamil Nadu, in particular, and in different parts of the country, in general;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the technical and other assistance to be extended by the